

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A shaving apparatus comprising two cooperating cutting members that are movable relative to each other and that are each provided with cutting teeth, wherein edges of the cutting teeth cooperate and wherein a cutting opening is present between the cooperating edges of the cutting teeth for catching hairs, said cutting opening diverging when seen in a shaving direction of the apparatus, wherein a space remains between at least a portion of the cooperating edges such that the cutting openings are not entirely closed during any time of operation of the shaving apparatus, wherein at least one of the edges of each pair of cooperating edges is provided with a cutting edge such that the hair is engaged with an increasingly thicker portion of the cutting edge as the hair is cut further into by the cutting edge, and wherein one of the cooperating tooth edges of a first tooth in a zone between a tip of the tooth and the cutting edge forms an abutment for a hair caught in the cutting opening, wherein a face

of the abutment is directed parallel to a plane of the hairs,
wherein the first tooth has a first width extending along a
longitudinal plane of the first tooth that is narrower than a
second width extending along the longitudinal plane of the first
tooth, and wherein the first width is further from the tip of the
first tooth than the second width.

2. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutting teeth of each cutting member comprises a row of substantially V-shaped cutting teeth, wherein each pair of cooperating edges enclose a shearing angle, while at least one of the edges of each pair of cooperating edges is provided with a cutting edge.

3. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the edge of each pair of the cooperating edges is provided with tapered cutting edges in the region where the cutting opening is closed during operation.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one of the edges of each pair of cooperating edges is a first one of the edges of each pair of cooperating edges, and wherein a second one of the cooperating edges is provided with tapered cutting edges over an entire length of the cutting teeth such that hairs are engaged with an increasingly thicker portion of the cutting edges as the hairs are cut further into by the cutting edges.

6. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the shearing angle between the cooperating tooth edges is between 5° and 25° .

7. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cutting members perform a reciprocating motion with a stroke S relative to one another, wherein S is in a range for which it holds that $0.01 \text{ mm} < S < \text{to about } 0.15 \text{ mm}$, with a frequency Q that is greater than 100 Hz.

8. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the stroke S is between 0.05 mm and 0.1 mm and the

frequency Q is between 150 Hz and 400 Hz.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutting teeth of each of the cooperating cutting members are substantially a same length.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when viewed from a direction perpendicular to a direction that the cutting teeth extend and in a direction that hairs extend during cutting, each one of the cooperating cutting teeth are not completely overlapped by an other one of the cooperating cutting teeth during any time of operation of the shaving apparatus and do not completely overlap the other one of the cooperating cutting teeth during any time of operation of the shaving apparatus.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the zone is a first zone, the one of the cooperating tooth edges of ~~each pair of cooperating edges having a formed abutment~~ the first tooth has a second zone between the abutment and a base that is provided with a cutting edge such that the hair is engaged with an increasingly thicker portion of the cutting edge of the first tooth as the hair is cut further into by the cutting edge.

15. (Previously presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein a transition point between the first zone and the second zone occurs where the cooperating edges start overlapping in a most overlapped position during operation.

16. (New) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first width extends over a first portion of the first tooth and is a substantially constant width along the first portion.

17. (New) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second width increases as the second width approaches the first width.

18. (New) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first tooth has a thickness extending away from the longitudinal plane that changes from a first portion to a second portion of the first tooth.